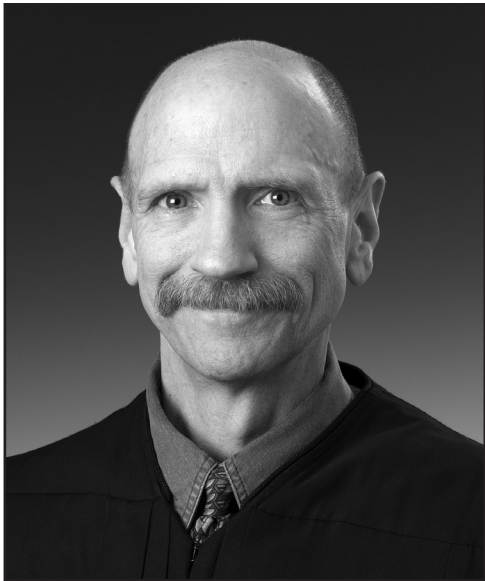


# Superior Court Judge

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## Earl A. Peterson, Fourth Judicial District



**MAILING ADDRESS:** P. O. Box 74959  
Fairbanks, AK 99707

**AGE:** 59

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Oklahoma City, OK

**SPOUSE’S NAME:** Danette Peterson

**CHILDREN’S NAMES:** Adrian, Renee,  
Kyra, Cohen

**OCCUPATION:** Judge

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 12 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Fairbanks, September 2010 to present

**EDUCATION:**  
Jersey Village Senior High School, Houston, TX  
Rice University, BA 1985  
Syracuse University  
Chicago Kent College of Law, JD 1995

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Assistant Attorney, Department of Law, Alaska  
Ogle County State’s Office, Illinois  
DeKalb County State’s Attorney’s Office, Illinois

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Instructor, Paralegal Program, UAF-CTE (2015)  
Attorney, Block & Associates, Chicago, IL (1995-1999)

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**  
ThriveAlaska. Board of Directors, Fairbanks (2010-2017)  
Board Curriculum Advisory Committee, FNSBSD  
(2010-2019)

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Child Development and Education; Cycling; Creative writing

**OTHER:**  
Volunteer teacher, Constitutional Rights Foundation, Illinois (1993-1996)  
Merit Badge facilitator, Law activities, local Boy Scouts troops, IL and AK  
Board of Directors, Sycamore Child Center, Sycamore, IL (2001-2010)  
Volunteer lecturer- law: Hutchison H.S. and West Valley H.S.  
Volunteer judge, National History Day and We The People competitions  
Volunteer coach, FYSA lacrosse

**STATEMENT:**  
It is an honor and privilege to serve the people of Alaska. As a judge, I am dedicated to upholding the Constitution and following the law given to us by the legislature. I apply the law to the cases before me, doing my best to serve the people to resolve the issues that they ask the courts to resolve. With each case, I strive to humbly and respectfully make decisions that reach a just result. I follow the laws without bias or prejudice, to serve all Alaskans.

I believe that it is important that litigants, witnesses, and jurors understand the court process so that they can be fully engaged and know what to expect when in court. Thus, in my courtroom, I try to explain when necessary and make sure that every voice is heard. It is important to me that the opportunity be made to every person in court to have their chance to present their case within the bounds of the law. Only then can Alaskans be certain that justice can be achieved in court.

Efficient use of court resources and full access to our courts for all Alaskans is my goal as a judge. The goal for all of us is doing justice. I thank you for your consideration, and for the opportunity to continue to serve all Alaskans.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

## *Judge Earl A. Peterson, Fairbanks Superior Court*

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Peterson met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Peterson was appointed to the Fairbanks Superior Court in July of 2019. Judge Peterson handles civil and criminal cases. This is his first retention evaluation.

**Summary:** After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Peterson met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Peterson complied with judicial ethics standards.

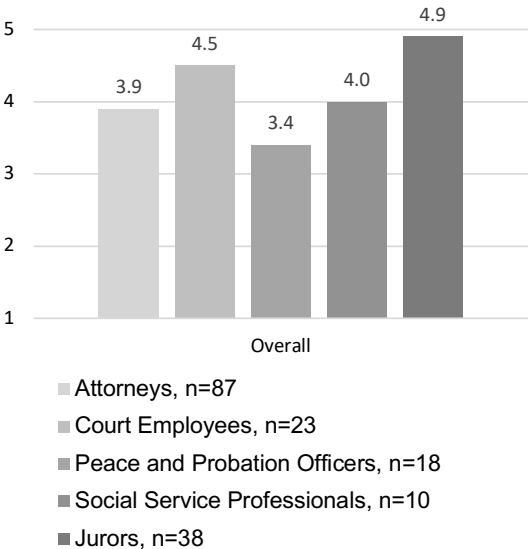
The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Peterson in office.

**Survey ratings:** Attorneys who appeared before Judge Peterson gave him good reviews. Social services professionals who appeared before him gave excellent reviews, while peace and probation officers gave him very good reviews. Court employees gave him excellent reviews, and jurors rated him very highly. One juror commented, “I am appreciative of his teaching manner. The whole process was very instructive because of his approach.” The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Peterson. Complete survey ratings are available at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Professional activities:** The Council’s review of Judge Peterson’s professional activities showed positive contributions to the administration of justice and his community. Judge Peterson made contributions in the areas of committee service, teaching, and youth activities. A detailed list of Judge Peterson’s professional and community activities is posted at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Other performance indicators:** The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Peterson, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified him from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Peterson performed well in these areas.

### Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge E. Peterson



Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)

\*Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads.

Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)